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Report to Planning
Committee

5th August 2026

Report of Director of Regeneration
and Inclusive Growth

Planning Compliance Performance Report

Summary

Following members requests for quarterly updates to be provided to Members on Planning Compliance caseloads and performance, this is the latest quarterly report (Quarter 1, 2026/27).

Recommendation(s)

That Members note the contents of the report

Background

1. The Stockton on Tees Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) was approved at planning committee in September 2024 and became 'live' on the 1st November 2024 and this report provides the latest quarterly report.
2. As part of the LEP, service targets were introduced which are;
 - 70% of enforcement case closed where no breach identified within 20 working days.
 - 60% of enforcement requests receiving an initial response, for example no breach of control identified or further investigation to be undertaken, within 10 working days.
 - 60% of planning enforcement cases, where the case actions are determined within the established priority timescales.

Detail

3. Some narrative and explanation of current performance and trends are detailed in the report below. For clarity appendix 1 provides members with a snapshot of last quarter's performance.

Quarter 1, 2026/27 Performance

4. As can be seen from Appendix 1 below, performance against the internal performance standards continues to remain strong and each performance indicator is being achieved and exceeded.
5. As detailed within table 1 below, over the last quarter the number of cases received has again dropped slightly, with the number of cases determined and processing time remaining broadly consistent with the previous quarter and last year.

Table 1: Comparisons over quarters since introduction of Local Enforcement Plan

	Requests received	Requests determined	Av days to process	Notices Served
Q1 (25/26)	167	112	14	6
Q2(25/26)	204	148	12	3
Q3 (25/26)	154	102	15	1
Q4 (25/26)	147	97	12	1
Q1(26/27)	143	94	15	1

6. We also continue to discuss a case of non-compliance with colleagues in legal services over appropriate next steps and likely prosecution.
7. For completeness, at the time of writing, the total number of unresolved compliance cases currently equates to 196, with 32 cases being historic cases received before the introduction of the Local Enforcement Plan.

Next update

8. The next quarterly update will be quarter 2 of 2026/27 (July - September), which is anticipated being reported in October/November 2026.

Financial Implications

Potential associated costs in pursuing legal action over non-compliance with enforcement notices.

Environmental Implications

Not applicable

Legal Implications

Potential implications as a result of pursuing legal action over non-compliance with enforcement notices.

Community Safety Implications

The provisions of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 have been considered in the preparation of this report.

Human Rights Implications

The provisions of the European Convention of Human Rights 1950 have been considered in the preparation of this report.

Ward and Ward Councillors

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Background PapersStockton on Tees Local Plan

Town and Country Planning Act
Stockton on Tees Local Enforcement Plan

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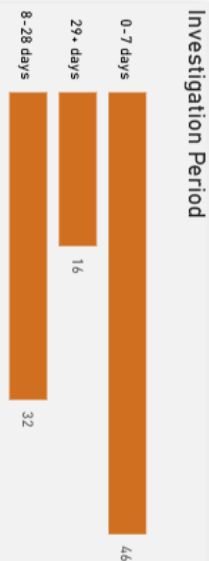
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Enforcement KPI's (since 01/11/2024) - Members Dashboard

Requests Received



Notices Served						
Case Reference	Date Received	Address	Allocated Officer	Date Authorisd	Date Notice Served	Date Effective
25/0373/ENF	14/07/2025	21 Woisey Drive Norton Stockton-on-Tees TS20 1SY	Rachel Caden	15/05/2026	27/05/2026	15/06/2026